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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE

The relevance of these references to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the Background and Summary of the Invention in the specification of the present invention.

An English abstract summarizing the disclosure of the German publication is submitted herewith.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a translation of an excerpt from an office action by the German Patent and Trademark Office citing such documents and indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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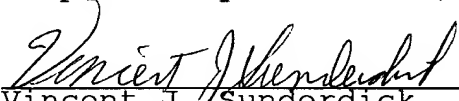
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Excerpt from Page 2 of the German Office Action of January 19, 2000:

Claim 2 is therefore not allowable because of a lack of novelty of its object.

Citation (2) already shows

a system in a vehicle (see Illustration 85/1 there in conjunction with the text on Page 85, Par. 4, to Page 86, first sentence),

having an image acquisition device (see Page 85, Illustration 85/1, BZ 1 and 10, of that document),

by means of which a picture is taken of the environment of the vehicle (there, called driving route environment; see Page 86, last Par., to Page 87, first Par.), and

is transmitted to a receiving party (see Page 85, last sentence, to Page 86, first sentence, of that document) and wherein

the picture is updated at intervals of several seconds (see Page 85, last sentence, to Page 86, first sentence; 3-20 seconds, in that document).